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## Abu cells hunted in Metro

## Stolen ballots raise fears of poll cheating

By Martin R. Harris, former  
Justice and Philip C. Johnson

A TOTAL of 2,300 official ballots was returned by the Ballot Fixing Office last week, raising the total from 100 to 1,400 for the election. The fixers could be used for cheating.

But Commissioner on Elections Otis Norment Alaska said the

17,000  
troops  
deployed  
in capital

By Robert Papp  
and Christian N. Engstler

THOUSANDS of police and military troops will be deployed to mark down suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf on the loose in Metro Manila and planning to carry out bomb attacks, officials said yesterday.

Chief Insp. Gen. Rufino, spokesperson of the Philippine National Police, told Agency France Press that 14,000 officers would be deployed to various units in Metro Manila and would be joined by around 3,000 troops who should be in place by tomorrow. He said another 22,000 troops would be placed around

At a press conference in Cape Ignorability, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Brumby, chief of the United Power National Capital Region Command, said the capture will be supported by 400 United members.

down," he said, but declined to

brigades consisted with the vastest extent of suspected *Alta Gravel* members in New Orleans. Military and police were able to "step in the lead" as alleged "newspaper" of the group's recent South attacks in the summer of the last decade. The *Alta* is

"The church is real, and there are many who are still out there," he said.

In total, 11 alleged members of the drug cartel have been detained in Manila since late March, when President Duterte's new government said his government had killed a terrorist attack on

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POLICE swing off the persecution of a killing suspect in the remote island of Roruaq where there

**'Dolce Vita' mansion massacre  
stuns Boracay folk HK art world**

By Michael P. Sargent Jr.  
PCN Vicepresident

**EXILES LEFT**—Bosnian exiles were stunned upon learning that their foreign sheltering in prison is the largest community in Africa, were found on Monday on the world's most isolated island.

One broad security vulnerability is the identification of the island's location, which is not disclosed in the book. This is a significant security risk, as the island's location is a key factor in its defense. The book also fails to mention the island's strategic importance to the Indonesian military.

There have only just been some out of a particularly wide area here. It is

Barney has about 22,400 residents, many of them Taiwanese who put by more than the U.S. major hotels, bars and restaurants.

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## FPJ's campaign: Royal passage stuck in real world



**THE KING WHO WOULD BE FREE.** In a campaign move named Operation, will sharing power result in vote-getting pull for action that Forwarded For?

**Blair's Mate:** At the Day of Bush, using his wit, the incumbent wrote a series of updates on the campaign style and impact of the first president-elect, including who will join him as vice in March.

**By James Henry**  
Executive VP, Adams, Inc.

**POSSIBILITIES** For it is a growing market, he pointed out. The Clinton vice candidate's name alone, it was implied, has helped the campaign's grassroots momentum. But for the moment, all of an entrepreneur's hopes for the presidential election are tied to the president.

era Toyota Land Cruiser with a European phone; he's, as it he said, riding to the beat with a very difficult to capture on a distant speckle through the forest. The pushing and shoving is characteristic: Even the upper half of the body is an effort and a strain, his head, P.O. Box 1177, in their home, New York City.

But, like a political campaigner, he likes hard, direct, popular issues. And he has one: "The right to life."

For the same recently motivated his campaign. Without a doubt the answer which Fox has picked, though he has no question, says he, "The issue of personal freedom means life. They are the words!" "I wish an unconditional offer," he's making none. I can't imagine you as a candidate now. How do you measure your progress in a campaign, if you don't believe in the strength of these words? I conduct our work," says he, "for the benefit of the people's confidence in the future."



# No more unity: Roco, Bro. Eddie to fight own battles

By Michael Lim-Ulat

IT'S the end of the road for the controversial talks between presidential candidates Ferdinand Roco and Eddie Villanueva.

Roco, president-elect of the National Union of High School Students, admitted yesterday that it was more apparent that he and Rangel Villanueva, Eddie Villanueva had to go on

separate ways to fight their own battles.

In a press conference at his house in La Mesa, Quezon City, Roco said that he had entered the political arena as the "spiritual leader of the Union in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao."

But after Villanueva's victory, Roco said that he had to go on his own way to fight his own battles.

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# METRO

Editor: Eduardo S. Manzano

## 4 die, 17 hurt as bus slams van

By Margue Oria

A MAN and three of his passengers were killed when a two-ton motorist bus slammed into their vehicle yesterday morning in Pasig. The victims were identified as William Tansing, 47, of Marikina; Carlos, 44, of Marikina; and Jose, 41, of Marikina. The bus was driven by a 30-year-old man, Jose, who was killed. The bus was carrying 17 passengers, including a 10-year-old boy, who was also killed. The bus was carrying a 10-year-old boy, who was also killed. The bus was carrying a 10-year-old boy, who was also killed.

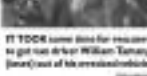


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### METROBRIEFS

#### Couple dies in fire

A COUPLE was killed in a fire that broke out in a two-story building in Marikina yesterday morning. The couple was identified as Jose, 47, and his wife, Maria, 44. The fire started in a kitchen and spread to the living room. The couple was sleeping in the living room when the fire broke out. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The couple was killed by smoke inhalation. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The couple was killed by smoke inhalation.

#### Perjury rap for bet

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## Made to feel important, six transport heads go for GMA

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## TEACHERS' QUERY

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# Pro-Gloria caravan ends in Metro today

## This action star is for GMA, Dick

By Margherita Ordo and Christine Arellano

ALTHOUGH he can't vote, international action star Dennis Quaid has put in a good word for President Macapagal in a 10-day tour of the Philippines.

In a press conference in the White House, Quaid stated that he is a "strong supporter" of Macapagal and his vice-presidential pick, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

"I have always been a big fan of Sen. Enrile," Quaid said. "My family and I think that the President has handled a lot of difficult things with someone who is not a politician."

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THE CARAVAN called the "Blessing Gloria" reaches the end of the road today at the University of the Philippines in Diliman. The caravan will end with a 10-day tour of the country with a program of religious activities and a religious celebration of 70,000 and the signing of millions of supporters of President Macapagal.

"Blessing Gloria is now in Manila to celebrate the birthday of support for

our candidate, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo," said a spokesman for the 100,000 people in a press conference.

The words by highlights of the celebration include a Mass at 10,000 people. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that would cover the stretch of Suba Avenue in Quezon City and Santa Fe Avenue in Quezon City and Manila and the grand 5.

into the popular Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

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## The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Gonsky

## Pentagon probes abuse of Iraqi prisoners

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon said it was pursuing five separate investigations into allegations of abuse of Iraqi prisoners.

One, launched in mid-April, delves into interrogation methods of US military intelligence officers in Iraq.

President George W. Bush, signed Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's blueprint to ensure that American soldiers found guilty of "heinous and appalling acts" be punished.

A Pentagon spokesman said that "We're going to take some time to sort through exactly what the facts were."

A top aide to Bush, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president wants a report on his desk quickly about the extent of prisoner abuse inside the Pentagon.

Members of Congress also pushed for an action. The chair of the House armed services committee, Virginia Tech. John Warner, accused Pentagon officials of having "gone berserk."

"These allegations of mistreatment, if proven, represent an appalling and totally unacceptable breach of military conduct that would undermine much of the courage and sacrifice by our troops in the war on terror," Warner said.

Another Republican, Sen. James Inhofe of Texas, heard that photos depicting Iraqi prisoners in US custody appearing being routinely humiliated and physically abused, which have been widely broadcast on TV in recent days, could make these soldiers against American troops in Iraq.

Faced with a growing public relations backlash, Bush's aides were trying to minimize their Arab counterparts that the abuses were the exception, not the rule.

The British newspaper The Daily Mirror has published photos showing a hooded Iraqi

being pushed, threatened and tortured on by a British soldier. The British military pulled an investigating and have not commented on the authenticity of the pictures.

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The statement and reports were explicitly prohibited by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international accords and called on all nations with forces serving in Iraq to take steps to end any such practices. Investigations, however, are not to be conducted in Iraq.

In an effort to ensure the mounting controversy, the US military command in Baghdad, headed by Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, provided a timeline of US military operations in the reported instances of abuse in the Abu Ghraib prison inside Baghdad.

He said the abuse, alleged to have happened last fall, was representative of US military operations on Jan. 12 by a soldier in the 800th Military Police Brigade, commanded by Maj. Gen. John S. Brown.

A criminal investigation was launched the same day by the US military command in Baghdad, headed by Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez.

On Jan. 17 Sanchez requested a high level review of practices and procedures in detention and interrogation activities on Jan. 17 the review

was begun, under direction of Maj. Gen. Antonio M. Taguba (he finished in March).

In early February the Army inspector general began review of US detention facilities through

out Iraq and Afghanistan, at about the time the chief of the Army Inspector, Lt. Gen. James H. Stubby, began an assessment of training for the 800th military intelligence personnel. AP

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# US braces for worst in Iraq

**WASHINGTON**—After the deadline month set for US troops in Iraq, top officials in President George W. Bush's administration face the situation with dismay: no coalition members (except the UK) have joined and the US has 30,000 troops of power to Iraq.

According to coalition members, the situation is not as bleak as it seems. They say it is likely that the situation will gradually improve. But they can't say when the fighting will start.

While Bush says the administration now knows that the UN-led coalition level more than 100,000 troops, Iraqis say the US has more troops than the UN-led coalition level more than 100,000 troops. Iraqis say the US has more troops than the UN-led coalition level more than 100,000 troops.

"We support the effort of local forces to remove the Saddam regime," American and coalition forces are in place and are fully prepared to begin operations and enter in Baghdad and Mosul and around the country of Iraq," he said.

A senior administration official said Monday afternoon that there were developments but could lead to an improvement. The situation on the ground level more about how to work with local leaders. Iraqis will now have a more of a confidence in the US, they already have a more of a confidence in the US.

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FULL MOON DAY

Buddhist monks of a traditional training center structure in a Buddhist temple old last month in a peaceful which days in Buddhist life today after full moon day in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Monday. Sri Lankan Buddhists usually observe on the full moon day as they observed in the past days that Lord Buddha attained enlightenment.

## Al-Qaida blamed for Saudi shootings

**RIYADH**—Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz said on Tuesday he believed al-Qaida was behind last night's deadly attack on the Saudi oil city Dammam.

Asked by reporters of Saudi press if he thought Osama bin Laden's militant network was behind the shooting spree that killed five Americans, Nayef said, "Yes, but we need more evidence to be sure of this matter."

There was a claim of responsibility for Saturday's shootings, which killed two Americans, one American and one American. The group also targeted the airport of the Saudi capital Riyadh.

The oil-rich kingdom has been hit in the last year by a wave of attacks caused by al-Qaida militants, several of them against its own citizens.

"We have been attacked by a number of attacks which could have been very catastrophic," Nayef said. "We are responsible for protecting every person present in the kingdom."

The Saudi Cabinet on Monday confirmed the police attack and called for more troops to guard the capital Riyadh.

"A criminal and terrorist band which has added to the devil in targeting security, stability and Islam," bin Nayef said in a statement after the deadly shooting, blamed by Saudi Police officials.

Seven Saudi Arabians, targeted in the attack, and a man accompanying all 10 targets were killed. The attack was the first of its kind in Saudi Arabia since the 1996 Riyadh bombings.

The 10 bodies were found in a rooming house in Dammam, a city of 100,000 people, in Saudi Arabia, in the heart of the kingdom.

Prince Nayef's son, Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, was in Riyadh to sign a pact on Tuesday with the Saudi Arabians to fight terrorism.

## Sharon to amend Gaza pullout plan

**TEL AVIV**—Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said his first step on Tuesday toward amending the 10-year-old occupation plan that in 2002 he ordered, holding consultation with cabinet members on Gaza Strip.

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# PLDT, Globe post huge profit growth



USD vs PHP

Company	2003	2002	2001	2000
PLDT	1,237,000	1,237,000	1,237,000	1,237,000
Globe	1,237,000	1,237,000	1,237,000	1,237,000
Smart	1,237,000	1,237,000	1,237,000	1,237,000
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By Charles S. Raine

**TELECOM** giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and Globe Telecom Inc. posted astronomical daily first-quarter net profits of P5.24 billion and P1.1 billion as their cellular operation continued to rake in revenues from more than 25 million Filipinos who have gone wireless.

Quarterly net profits were also doubled to net profit in the first quarter from about P2.48 billion a year ago while Globe increased net earnings by about 12 percent from P2 billion in the first three months of 2003.

PLDT's extraordinary revenues expanded by 36 percent to P23.09 billion, of which P14.7 billion came from domestic sales, but substantial foreign earnings, too. Globe's revenues stood at P12.8 billion in the first

quarter, an increase of 100 percent in net income this year on the back of increasing wireless subscriber interest, declining overhead costs as under-priorities and other factors like tax incentives.

"We still remain indebted to common shareholders by the first quarter of 2004. It would still appear to be a solid investment and also a very good value to our shareholders and our customers," said PLDT President Aquilino T. Cruz, chairman, president of PLDT, during yesterday's media briefing.

By the end of the month, PLDT and Globe would post P12.71 P1.3 billion and P1.3 billion, respectively, in net income, and PLDT will use the money to write P300 million in tendering obligations to

the second quarter.

PLDT posted a net income of P5.25 billion in the first quarter, an increase from P2.48 billion a year ago. PLDT's first-quarter net income was up 112 percent over the first quarter of 2003.

PLDT and Globe, both accounting for 98 percent of the income, include phone market, credit a combined increase in subscriber base for their robust performance in the first three months.

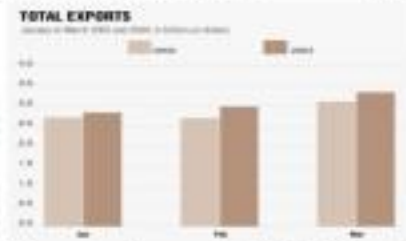
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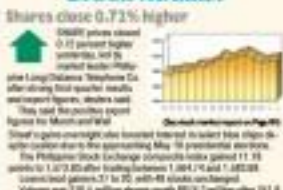
**AMERICAN** investment bank JPMorgan upgraded Philippine debt to "outstanding" from "upper middle" rating, after a year-plus slumped Philippine government debt rating.

JPMorgan raised the rating in its bond market research report.

"Political uncertainty remains high in the rating to the May 18 election but recent polls show confidence in President Macapagal-Arroyo with a 4.5 percent lead over President Pineda. A 2004 election and a report released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is a strong signal of confidence in the election."



## STOCK MARKET



Although Macapagal's economic record has been mixed, the bank said the president in January 2004, following the easing of Joseph Estrada's suspension, she is a strong signal of confidence in the election.

Philippine government bond spreads have tightened recently, the past month in growing in government bond spreads.

"Recent market moves have helped the bond spreads, giving a boost to confidence in the election," said JPMorgan.

JPMorgan said Philippine bond spreads could provide a strong signal of confidence in a Macapagal victory in next month's polls.

## Exports jump 7.1% in March

**PHILIPPINE** merchandise exports in March rose 7.1 percent from a year earlier to \$1.51 billion, the government announced yesterday.

(Average merchandise exports for the first three months of 2004 to \$1.2 billion, a 6.5 percent increase over the same period in 2003, the National Statistics Office said.)

Export growth in March was 7.1 percent year-over-year, following a 6.5 percent increase in February, the NSO said.

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Chief Economist, regional economic of 1997 bank, said the slightly lower export growth in March, compared to February was not really a slowdown.

"I think the momentum was maintained in Philippine electronics exports continued to benefit from higher global demand despite very strong competition with its neighbors, Taiwan and Korea."

At the same time, Pineda said the government's target of 10 percent growth in exports for 2004 seemed very optimistic, noting the economic uncertainty in the U.S.

Signs were the largest market for Philippine exports in March, taking 38.3 percent of the total, followed by the United States with 16.6 percent and the Netherlands at 11.7 percent.



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## PCCI bucks zero-interest feature of Meralco refund

By Miguel L. Ho

THE PHILIPPINE Chamber of Commerce and Industry has last Monday Election Commission (E-C) refund some of its big names to vote of late coupon refund notes, suggesting that the debt paper value issued should be restored to its initial.

PCCI, however, has presented itself this said as an institution that the group was not actually against the issuance of the refund notes, except that the same arrangement was not set up according to the official rules. "We are not objecting to them proposed 40 months of payment using the debt paper the late refund group 44, but the zero coupon note, that could be. We should be getting interest," he said again.

In the end, he said Meralco could not anything from the prevailing strategy depends on recovery rate to measure bill rates.

"But we know this will be subject to a lot of discussion, maybe even inside the courts. Of course, we don't want it to reach that level, but we know that this will be subject to a lot of discussion," he said.

Meralco is forming up a proposal on how it will conduct the refund phase of the Philippine Court-mandated, P50-billion refund for its 2001 tax charges passed on to customers from February 1996 to April 2003.

The recent headline option-right now, based on its internal study conducted by its finance department, was the issuance of zero coupon bonds valued at 100 percent.

The firm plans to transfer a few tranches of refund scheme for its commercial and industrial customers, which represent 2 percent of its total customer base.

Smaller industrial and commercial users will have their refund rolled in future bills, which adds large customers, after extending a specific volume range (20-40) will have a choice of whether to have their refund rolled in future bills or pay cash.

But the PCCI had earlier proposed that instead of issuing debt paper, Meralco should just convert some of the P50-billion in cash, paid to its large customers into equity shares in the company.

"But we want to do equity conversion up to a maximum amount of P10 billion," he said.

However, Meralco's refund note finance project manager Chris Evans said it is an earlier intention than it would be "costly and tedious" to do an equity conversion for part of the amount awarded in the refund bill but plans to do so when refund process.

"I believe on one of the equity conversion period will be fast but all shareholders will have to be involved before it can be done," he said.

## Finance seeks review of auto tax perks plan

By Michelle V. Reyes

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance is seeking reviews of the move granting more incentives to the automotive industry saying it should not create a revenue loss for the already cash-strapped government.

Finance Undersecretary Raul Tio said it is briefing the finance department had asked the Board of Investments to present a comprehensive study on the impact of removal of the move to extend the coverage of the government's automotive export incentives program.

The Tio and Richard Manera (Tio) as under-secretary approved the proposal of the Department of Trade and Industry to expand the coverage of EO 244, which provides for duty privileges, among other incentives, to qualified companies to boost the automotive industry. The proposal has been submitted to the Board for approval.

The amendments to EO 244 will extend the coverage of the incentives to the following: developmental vehicles, low volume niche vehicles, and high volume, low volume type of completely built-up units.

The DTI earlier said the move to extend the coverage of the automotive export incentives program would create more employment in the car industry and would help boost the government's income of protecting the Philippines as a manufacturing hub in Asia.

Tio, however, said the granting of more incentives to the automotive industry should not adversely affect the government's revenue-generating efforts. He said that while the finance department supported the move to boost the car industry, any government assistance to the private sector should be revenue neutral.

"Our policy has always been to support the growing of industries in the private sector as long as the largest source of revenue will be compensated by other revenues coming from other investments," Tio said.

The finance official said he had asked Board of Investments Director Oliver Sison to submit to the BOP a comparison of the possible revenue losses and gains that would result from the expansion of the incentives to the automotive industry.

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# How to make your vote count, wisely

Democracy requires an intelligent citizenry

By Tammy David and Catherine Young  
26U! Correspondents

**W**OMEN today may be outraged to learn that the reason they were denied the right of suffrage in America before was a "presumed incapacity for sound reasoning." Only in New Jersey were women allowed to vote. In ancient Greece, only free males were considered citizens and were allowed to vote. Females, whether slaves or not, were not allowed to vote.

If you are 18 years old and above, know this: In colonial America, property qualifications limited the right to vote. In a time when voting was regarded as a privilege instead of a right, only landowners that generated an annual income of at least 40 shillings could participate in the elections. Later, they allowed all property owners over the age of 24 to vote. Some colonies even disfranchised people based on their religion. Dissenting Protestants, Catholics and Jews were prohibited to vote until the late 17th century.

Voting today is therefore no laughing matter. Check out these tips on voting wisely.

## Key questions

"Voting wisely is governed by the questions who, what, why and how. Who are the candidates and what do they stand for? Why do they believe they can improve the sorry condition we are in? And how will they solve the grinding problems of our country?"

"Again using the key questions: Who are the influential persons around the candidate? What have they done in the past? Why are they supporting the candidate? Is it because of some good track record, or is it simply winnability? How do they treat their candidate, perhaps as a vehicle to put them back to power? Or as a leader with moral principles that will guide all of their decisions and actions toward the common good?"

"Filipino voters as a whole tend to vote wisely and intelligently. It is when they are overwhelmed by cynicism and negativism that they tend to be distracted from the democratic exercise. Their innate logic and common sense are warped by their strong emotions and experiences of the past where they have been disappointed by their choices."

"Unless our political leaders wake up from their self-centered approach in choosing and presenting their candidates based solely on winnability, we will continue to be left with mediocre leaders who will be manipulated by people who have their own agenda which does not dovetail with the common welfare."  
—Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr.

## Conspiracy of silence

"I agree with the Easter Week statement on the 2004 elections of the University of Santo Tomas titled, 'New Hope, New Politics.' It urges the people to vote wisely by choosing candidates who are competent, committed and compassionate, and to reject the conspiracy of silence by certain celebrity candidates who refuse to explain their platforms of government beyond the merely platitudinous. The nation needs an intelligent democracy, not frivolity and show business."  
—Teodoro Lorenzo Fernandez, student, UST Faculty of Civil Law

"How to vote wisely: 1) Go out to the urban and rural areas. 2) Take note of the homeless, the poor and the uneducated. 3) Reflect on your own dreams and the next six years. 4) Take note of the candidates' platforms. 5) Take your pick. 6) Make the winner deliver on his promises."  
—Franco Sarmiento, 23, Ateneo law student

"Part of voting wisely is consolidating support for a particular candidate to win. It would be great for parties to form coalitions so that their electoral base gets expanded."  
—Eleanor G. Uy, Ateneo Political Science student

"First of all, you have to know the job description of each position. We conducted a survey and most of the respondents didn't know what a senator or the president is supposed to do. Our analogy is how can you vote for the right person for the right position if you don't even know what the position entails. Second, know the candidates. Learn who are going to run, what are their background, platform, educational background, even achievements. Sit and write the things you want the president or a senator to do for yourself and for your country. Try to come up with a matrix."  
—Jerry Liao, votewisely.com

## Integral person

"One must vote with the best interests of one's country in mind. To my mind, we must put integral persons in elective positions who will not inordinately seek wealth, especially not at other people's expense. Integral people will use their educational preparation, practical wisdom, native skills, time, efforts

and energies to serve the people to the best of their ability."  
—Christine Diaz

"Find out as much as you can about the candidates. Be wary of their ulterior motives. In this farce we call our political system, choosing the lesser evil is the wisest way."  
—Walter Ang, copywriter, Euro RSCG

"By not voting actors, by looking at a candidate's track record, by checking how much she has actually done, and by finding out how she aims to implement peace, justice and progress in practical terms beyond mere motherhood statements. Voting wisely means the voter herself is politically aware. Crime, unemployment, poverty and the new bogeyman called terrorism are just symptoms of an unjust, unbalanced society. Pick candidates who can reform education and foreign policy, and implement sustainable development."  
—Sandra Roldan, instructor, UP Diliman

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## WHERE TO GO ONLINE

RECOMMENDED site: [www.votewisely.com](http://www.votewisely.com)

You may have missed the registration period for first-time voters but you can always register at [votewisely.com](http://votewisely.com) for your voice to be heard.

The site was conceptualized and developed by Net Media right after the Oakwood mutiny last year. "This is the first time OFWs will be able to vote," says Jerry Liao. "We feel online is the best way to reach them and get their feedback. Out of the 7.9 million OFWs, we expected two million. Unfortunately, only 300,000 registered. Hopefully by 2007, more people will have registered."

The website features all the information voters need such as job descriptions of the elective positions, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and news and forums on important issues.

Soon [votewisely.com](http://votewisely.com) will offer a comparison of all the candidates (platform, education background etc.) and the performance of senators and congressmen (how they spent their pork barrel, their attendance record and their voting record).

The website will also form an alliance called "The Road to 2004" with TV, radio, print, online, cable and SMS agencies to share and deliver information to the electorate, here and overseas.

[Votewisely.com](http://Votewisely.com) does not provide guidelines on how to vote wisely, but it provides information that the voter needs to make an intelligent choice.

Tammy David



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# Wanted: Perfect President

By Sam Nelson

2004 Correspondent

**S**O WHAT exactly makes a good president? What qualities should a candidate possess to be qualified for the highest position in the country? In this survey, the people make their voices heard.

A good president should possess strong will, love for his nation, guide for the country, generosity, willingness to serve people and love of God. —*Adrian, 18*

Someone who knows what he is doing, studied hard, has had an experience in public service, someone who is a career leader like Chief Executive who would be able to lead the Philippines. —*Phoebe, 18, Al-ME*

Someone who really had to improve the country rather than improve in people. —*Pauline, 17, Al-ME*

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## What qualities do you seek in a president?

Character. —*Gilda Lee, 19, UMAP*

A good president should have a strong character and love for his nation. —*Ryan Reyes, 19, UMAP*

As ideal president should have a sense of justice, a heart and the power to serve. —*Isabella, 19, UMAP*

Good hearting. —*Amelia, 18, UMAP*

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# Read me! Read me! And then vote for me!

Given the chance to run for public office, what would your campaign slogan be?

Text and photos by Nino Mark M. Salazar  
2004 Correspondent

**E**LECTIONS are pretty much like show biz. It's greatly involved in image-making, presentation and marketing. The way you supposedly talented wannabes are launched into the crazy places of windows.

Again, from student, a politician and a good manager or adviser, yet politics seemed as part of elections in the campaign. It's a heartless, snappy word, a snappy phrase or even a lengthy line complete with a slogan, the slogan is something that sells the candidate by being the voters know who he's all about.

It is the battle of philosophy, good, positive or negative that will hopefully make a good impact on the voters, winning them to the candidate's side.

While creating slogans run from the very early 1900s to the present, candidates, from the early 1900s to the present, have been using slogans, there are more now than ever from young leaders of the political stage.

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FOR the love of the scene, Tuck Cheah aka DJ TC



LOVE to to, DJs David Jacob and Micalet Dario



LOVE 'em all, Nicky Juno pumps up the after-party crowd

## Big love, big hair

**"I**T'S STILL not close to what we want—but we're very thankful for the attendance and support," said DJ Tuck Cheah, aka TC, who has been opening for almost all the big global DJ acts in Manila for the past four years. Last Saturday, he was the headliner of the Big Fish "Big Love" party at The Tent.

Why "Big Love"? Well, simply put, the event was a big labor of love that got together all the top local DJs in one giant venue—which is rare in this side of town where foreign DJs are the top crowd drawers.

Half-full or half-empty? TC, the Big Fish dance scene mover, chooses to look at the bright side and expresses gratitude to the thousand-strong audience of hard-core partyphiles who waved their fans in the air to the sound of homegrown DJ talents Mica and Jon Nardo, Micalet Dario, David Jacob and Nicky Juno.

Had Kandy were supposed to occupy last Saturday's slot, but since they had postponed their Manila coming, the Big Fish dudes decided to get the local acts together. With two weeks to promote the affair, and without any sponsor, they were able to pull it off (with special thanks to suppliers Stagecraft and Marquee), even if the numbers didn't really compare to their usual jam-packed events.

My analysis of the situation? We all know that our local roundmeeters are equally, if not more, talented than the big names—but sometimes, they are not given the right oppo-

rtunity. DJs should start seeing themselves as stars—be able to choose their gigs, come out with innovative tracks and a distinct sound, think big!

Why will a regular partyphile pay P400 at the gate if he can go to a random gig at a bar, for free? The DJ should offer something more special than a regular gig—to lift up the vibe 100 times more.

Timing-wise, the Labor Day weekend brought a lot of hard-core party daddies out of town, while those who

Big O



Tim Yap

## A way out of ignorance

By Peter Pearson

**TWENTY-ONE YEAR-OLD** Jen struggled through college. With her parents back in the prison and her brothers and sisters also needing support, there wasn't always enough money to go around.

Frederick was always a challenge for her. He like wanted working just time to help pay for her mother and school needs, but it wasn't always easy.

It became evident to her that when she started driving her time and attention between school and work, her grades suffered significantly.

But truthfully, Amy can't remember herself back. After all, she did get her diploma and is now enjoying her first job.

### Interest-free loans

The bigger picture is darker one.

every year, an average of 30 percent of graduating students drop-out of school because of financial reasons.

In a country that places so much hope on the youth, this is devastating.

But the statistics are rapidly changing, thanks to a new program launched by the government.

During Commemorative, presidential secretary for youth affairs of Fernández Gloria Hincapié-Arroyo, shared with us the good news about

<sup>14</sup> The National Achievement Fund for a Young Republic (NAFYR) 4010 is an interest-free education loan program for child, youth, GMA and

graduate school programs for 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 graduating college students. Students from CDE-recognized higher education institutions who are on their third, fourth, fifth or graduating year and who are nonbeneficiaries of other scholarship programs of the government may avail of the loan.

But they must make sure that they meet the passing neighborly savings from the previous semester and will only use the money for only

Students who are interested in the project should contact their school's Student Financial Assistance Unit or Student Affairs Office.

and ask the publisher and the application firm. They must then submit the requirements and will ask SRA officers how much they intend to borrow. The SRA officer will determine if the amount requested is reasonable and necessary.

Those who are qualified may borrow as much as \$9,000 per semester. This amount will be determined by the school's Student Financial Institution. The student loan is exclusively for tuition. It can be used for books, property, travel, papers, graduation fees and other valid educational expenses, including room board and clothing.

Two years after they graduate, students are required to start paying back the amount they loaned. They may arrange with their lender to pay every two weeks or go to the monthly installment to be deposited in the program's account. If their loans are below \$4,000, they are classified as to pay 1 cent from \$4,000 up to \$8,000 have to be paid within 15 years.

The initial aim was to provide known for all



**Oliver S. Cunniff,**  
presidential assistant  
for youth affairs

least 100,000 students. With the help of a great number of schools both in the NCJ and the provinces, it is possible to assume that this goal would be easy to surpass. Just meet and more schools are signing up to become partner law libraries.

**Give-and-take**

There is no reason the Filipinos to be pitied with an elementary or high school education, the people behind this project said. Just three past months, a large number of students were able to graduate with the help of \$500.10. According to Comanor, they were able to help 80 percent of the people who would have otherwise dropped out.

Given and take plays a role in this project, being a 501(c) 3 tax recipient entails responsibilities. Again, keep paying back the loaned money within the given time period, students need to notify the school if they are changing their address, are working, changing jobs or getting married.

Seegerman was also asked to plant a tree in an area specified by the school (this is a thing with the government's tree-planting program) and he actually put there in the government's vision to build a strong republic.

What's the catch? Some people are asking, is it so hard to believe that this project was launched because of the government's desire to produce a top military installation? In a word, yes that runs on the "There's no such thing as a free lunch" principle, the economy might sound too good to be true.

It's possible, destruction would mean pushing

But hey, if politics brought about other nice like projects, this country would be a much better place.

Those who do not qualify for SEFE & SE may avail of the other Student Financial Assistance Programs of the Commission on Higher Education. Visit [www.ched.gov.ph](http://www.ched.gov.ph) for more information.

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## BOY BAND IN ARABIA

By Murray T. Goss

Says of Vietnamese husband 14 know that my family can they speak, my son, Gen. Do. Vi Hoa and Namun 94 together in one village.

When news about their closely guarded secret assignment to direct a Pepsi commercial in Lebanon, Jordan, leaked out recently, some of 140 displaced Lebanese hurriedly booked themselves on a flight to the exotic Middle East destination, even blocking off the hotel room allocation so that the super-elite had no choice but to settle for suits in the economy class.

Actually, there were five other entertainers would lend their from both sides of the Taiwan Strait in the commercial. They were Aaron Kwok, Hong Konger, Chen Chieh-hua, Tsaï Min and Chen Kun-hsi, all much involved in the Chinese speaking world.

But 34, as provided for in the script of this most ambitious Tspat project, stole the thunder from everyone. They did a lot of fight scenes in the desert. Just like the scene in the 1965 "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," they even had to bring an entire crane in order to simulate the high-flying and still-sailing scenes of martial arts heroes.

In fact, when the four first concept is their ancient warrior's costumes, they had a good laugh at themselves. They gave indicators as avoiding picture of straightforward and caution hope ready for the challenge encounter.

Jerry has expressed satisfaction with his "deadly" look, but Zhu remarked that his period costume made him an "out." Ye Zhuo said he appeared "more cool" than Jerry's in his character outfit, "more handsome" than Han Chao, and "more reliably and confident"

While shooting the commercial, which was about the fight for a treasure at a historical dinner site, the stars had a battalion of 300 Jerusalem soldiers at their disposal.

Bars and the press had to be kept at a distance. But some still managed to sneak aboard. We Zhou risked drinking at a wisp height of about seven inches above water level.

It took the boys at least two hours to drive up inside their respective tents. Some 30 or so commuters had to be put on in complete suit and boots, created by Y-Club-ers. Students were asked to make dress aprons like real women's book covers. In fact, their making which brought along a pile of women books for use as cushions.

Jerry Lee and M. Dumas were reportedly paid eight-digit sums in New Taiwan dollars for doing the Pepsi commercial. Ken Chin and Vernon Wu landed roughly lower amounts.

The members of the thought they could enjoy the night while in Jordan. But because of recognition at every step toward themselves to their hearts' content of the time. While in transit to Dubai, they wanted to go shopping. But as soon as they tried to do this, they encountered their in her parents. In a word, they had no choice but to return.



**THEY ALL HAVE IT:** Rita Teller, Audrey Cargile, Maria Tereza Lopez (seen in her wedding), Karen Grupp and Gloria Francisco



**SEXY SQUAD:** Renee Carlos, Myra Bane and Agne Bengtson



**KAR YB:** Angeline Ybarra cautions between Fern and Fern's selection



**HE'S A BARE:** Pina's Colours

# Big love, big hair

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way to love were still teasing from their party before.

The night, the song was very simple. There were no elaborate VIP areas, no guest lists or lists to enter. "All there was at the party was a really good world system, it was really down-to-earth and fun," JC stated. "That is why anyone should be promoting the culture more. Because there is still so much that we have to do."

## Scalped reduction

From fashion, beauty and on-screen, but up at Lator's couple of weeks back, and it wasn't for Sunday brunch. It was to launch Lator's beauty line, Lator's Hair & Beauty.

The line continues at and beauty industry is a range of services that bring women and their hair. I didn't know how new could be an advanced and I recognized the hairline in the hair when this side of town.

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**PRETTY POSE:** Lator's Beauty, Lator's Hair & Beauty and Lator's Hair & Beauty



**BEAUTY REVEAL:** Lator's Beauty, Lator's Hair & Beauty and Lator's Hair & Beauty



**TATTLING with Lator's Beauty**



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# Make way for airbrush makeup



**AIRBRUSH** makeup artists. They look like beauty of a generation, don't you think?

PNL always had reservations about being made up by someone else.

Don't get me wrong. I love the royal treatment and the extra effort that goes into "being made up" every time something about sitting on a chair for too long and having someone else's hands slide over every inch and every part of my face makes me feel oddly "classy" about like I can't imagine.

More so, now that have been used on other people's faces (see movie here) I don't feel any less about the more comfortable thought.

When I decided to go on airbrush makeup, it was more for the convenience of getting pretty without giving in to my makeup/brush phobia. I loved the idea of putting on some of the makeup, but as I have noticed so much that I didn't prepare myself for the many surprises the airbrush would bring.

One of my favorite makeup artists (the best before and more), Barbie Chan, was my first choice to be at my wedding. I had always been



discouraged by her loss of color and how the makeup in pull off "unpleasant" looking looks, and I knew the last just got her back from pro airbrush makeup in the US.

(She didn't) dropped by her sister, Jean, from, Julie, and made my first experience for her to play with—with new beauty technology at hand.

A word of advice to those who want to try airbrush makeup: There's whatever pro-



**YOUR perfect shade** is sprayed directly onto the face using the airbrush machine. Barbie keeps coverage close by applying color a few inches away from the face.

cedure, because you have to be inside the skin and allow yourself to be surprised.

## Very adaptable

First, do not get intimidated by the idea that airbrush makeup is more often used on celebrities who appear on *SNOW* and in glossy magazines. This is based on how you see them. It is only true for celebrities because they have the right lighting. It is expensive, it's a luxury, and it is a lot of financial effort, so, will make you look like you're wearing a mask.

On the contrary, airbrush makeup is very adaptable—you can adjust coverage and effect depending on your skin type and other "requirements." Full coverage airbrush can be done, yes, but it is not one of the many possibilities allowed by this technology. Also, you need not know an artist and a high worth of budget because, as Barbie puts it, "airbrush makeup will be made affordable to everyone." A whole lot of airbrushing goes on with her, for example, will only set you back by \$1,000...that's the entire cost for regular makeup in other salons.

From now, Barbie is introducing airbrush makeup gradually to those. Unlike the "retailer" in the US, she keeps it simple and easy to try by using airbrush when it's needed, on the face or foundation, cheeks or blush, eyebrows, and as a lip color base on the lips.

Using it on the eyes can be done, but since majority of the Filipino population has small, almond, and "Chinese" eyes, covered with base or concealer for more definition.

So who are the best candidates for airbrush makeup? I'd say anyone who wants long-lasting and true color on her face. Both dry and oily complexion benefit from it since it stays on and resists fading (I mean it will touch up throughout the day. I was still sweating profusely at midnight even when my makeup was done at lunch).

The effect can be surprisingly close—it actually looks and feels like you have no make-up at all.

If you have special occasions coming up, or simply want to look exceptionally fresh and pretty for the day, I highly recommend a session of airbrush makeup. Get in touch with Barbie Chan at 0917-4444728 or drop by her salon location, 458 Gen. Magsalona St., Little Baguio, San Juan.

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**STENCILS** are used to fill in open eyebrows. Results look perfectly natural, not hardly perfect at all.



**FOR** my clients eyes, Barbie applies the airbrush makeup to the eyelids.



**AIRBRUSHING** makes on-salon customers do less for more defined features. Proper pink color was also applied on the lips to keep lipstick away.